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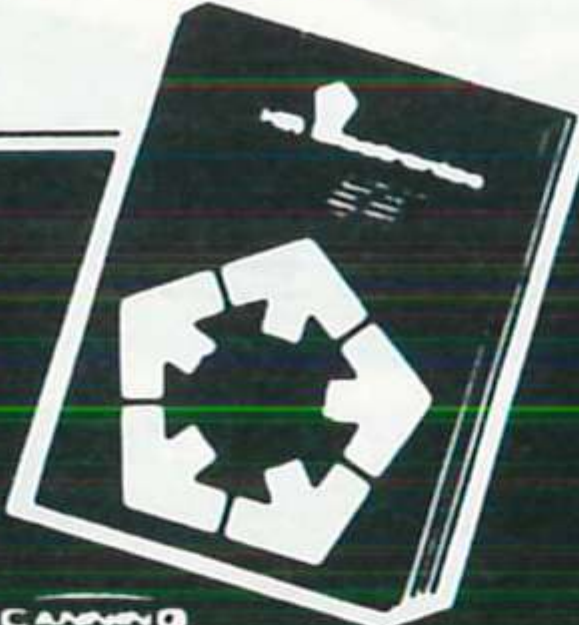


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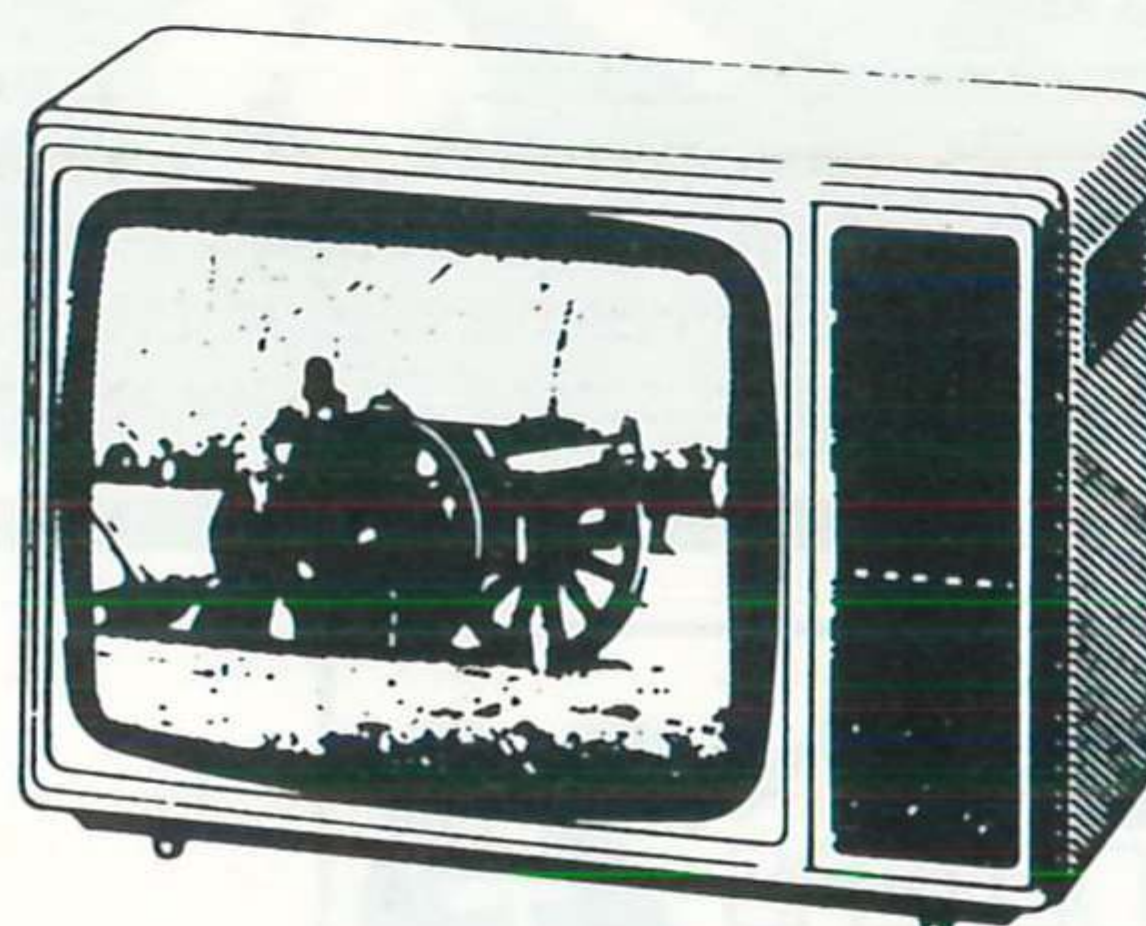


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JOHN MCGOVERN



Good afternoon and welcome to Burnden Park for the last time this season. I'm sure it doesn't need me to tell you all the importance of today's game for both our clubs.

Three points today and we will be safe. And we go into the game confident that with the effort and application we have shown in our last four games we can get those points.

After a poor run of results which saw us slip back into the danger zone, the players have put together four performances which have lifted us back up the table. Four games in which we have kept clean sheets — and that is quite something considering the fact that two were away to teams challenging for promotion.

As I say I am confident going into the game, not just from the playing point of view but also from the point of view of our supporters.

Considering the mixed fortunes we have had this season the fans have been terrific with their vocal support both home and away. Keep it up — and get behind us today to play your part in this crucial game.

Like ourselves, Chelsea have had a troublesome time this season — financial problems figuring prominently in the minds of the Stamford Bridge directors. Cash has been a problem here too but not to the same extent. Chelsea still have to live under the shadow of having built a £1

million stand at their ground.

Amazingly, it has not prevented them spending money on players — a factor I find quite puzzling under the circumstances. Even so, bringing in new players has not brought a change of fortune for the Londoners and they face a real nail-biting finish to the season.

As we come to the end of what has obviously been a tough campaign, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has played his or her part in the running of things here.

And a special "Thank You" goes to you, the fans, and to the individuals, the firms and the businesses who have sponsored us in whatever way. Your help has been greatly appreciated and I hope that you continue with your support in the seasons to come.

Front Cover: Simon Rudge battles hard to make space for a shot on the Grimsby goal.

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CHELSEA'S DARKEST HOURS

From: Tony Pullein

A season that opened full of hope has turned into bitter disappointment for Chelsea whose main objective now is to avoid what would be their first-ever spell of Third Division football. But, while this is very much the major objective, manager John Neal is also planning for next season.

One move in this direction was the recent £45,000 purchase of goalkeeper Andy Niedzwiecki from Wrexham. As the deal was completed after deadline day, Niedzwiecki will not actually join Chelsea until the end of the season.

At the moment all that matters is survival. A run of eight games without a win plunged Chelsea into the bottom three bracket, facing what would be their first-ever spell of Third Division football.

During Chelsea's darkest hours, their once loyal supporters have been deserting the club in droves. Several recent home games have drawn crowds of less than seven thousand to a stadium that once housed a crowd of 82,905 and regularly packed in 50,000 fans for home games.

Chelsea's hopes of salvaging something from a poor first-half to the season were thwarted by a poor draw in the Milk Cup. They disposed of Fourth Division Tranmere easily enough in round two but then had to travel to Notts County in the next round. They lost 0-2.

In the F.A. Cup they drew 1-1 at Huddersfield and then won the replay 2-0. But they went down 1-2 at Derby in the fourth round.

Chelsea have managed to win only two away League games — at Cambridge (1-0) and Q.P.R. (2-1). They drew at Newcastle (1-1), Barnsley (1-1), Leeds (3-3), Crystal Palace (0-0), Fulham (1-1) and Oldham (2-2).

Chelsea were beaten at Derby (0-1), Sheffield Wednesday (2-3), Blackburn (0-3), Carlisle (1-2), Rotherham (0-1), Middlesbrough (1-3), Shrewsbury (0-2), Leicester (0-3), Wolves (1-2), Grimsby (1-2), Charlton (2-5) and Burnley (0-3).

It's a long while since Chelsea were a major power in League football yet they have achieved much success in Cup soccer over the past decade or so.

It was in 1970 that they surprised the world by defeating Leeds United in an F.A. Cup final replay, thus starting the modern trend of the under-dogs

winning this particular final.

That victory gave Chelsea a crack at the European Cup-Winners' Cup and they battled their way to the final where they met the legendary Real Madrid. Again a replay was necessary and, after drawing the first game 1-1, Chelsea won the replay 2-1.

Chelsea completed a hat-trick of cup final appearances when they reached the League Cup final the following season. This time they had to be satisfied with runners-up medals as they went down 1-2 to Stoke City.

Their 1970 F.A. Cup triumph was Chelsea's only win in that competition, though they were beaten in previous finals in 1915 and 1967.

In one previous League Cup final, they won the trophy in 1965 when defeating Leicester 3-2 on aggregate in the days before the final was taken to Wembley.

Their only Championship success came in 1955 during their longest unbroken spell of First Division play: it lasted from 1930 until 1962.

They won the League Cup in 1965 and were losing finalists seven years later. Chelsea have never won the Second Division championship, all their promotion being obtained as runners-up.

Ironically, it was those triumphs of the early 'seventies that led to the club's massive financial problem that almost killed it last season. Buoyed by success in Europe, Chelsea committed themselves to the superb new grandstand that now adorns Stamford Bridge.

The board had every reason for optimism at the time and no one could have foreseen how rapidly the club would go into decline as soon as the new stand was eventually completed.

Chelsea's crowds dropped as they slid into the Second Division. If they now drop down into Division Three, they face the prospect of playing before crowds of three and four thousand.

STEVE FRANCIS (Goalkeeper). Steve, a Chelsea discovery who made his first-team debut against Southampton in the League Cup last season, has been Chelsea's goalkeeper for most of this season.

BOB ILES (Goalkeeper). Bob was discovered playing for Weymouth in the Southern League and

CHELSEA



Back Row: Gary Chivers, Michael Nutton, Colin Lee, Micky Droy, Colin Pates, Phil Driver, Gary Locke.
Middle Row: Gwyn Williams (Youth Development Officer), Ron Suart (Chief Scout), Peter Rhoades-Brown, Timmy Elmes (no longer with club), Paul Canoville, Bob Iles, Steve Francis, Michael Fillery, Dale Jasper, Chris Hutchings, Eddie Franklin (no longer with club), Norman Medhurst (Physiotherapist).
Front Row: John Neal (Manager), Leo Donnellan, Kevin Hales, Clive Walker, Bryan Robson (now Carlisle), David Speedie, John Bumstead, Alan Mayes, Ian McNeill (Assistant Manager).

Chelsea signed him for £10,000 in 1978. Though Bob has spent much of his time in the reserves, he was recently recalled for a run in the senior team.

JOEY JONES (Defender). Joey became only the tenth player ever to win 50 Welsh caps when he played against Bulgaria last month. He began his career with Wrexham but was transferred to Liverpool for £110,000 in 1975. Whilst at Anfield Joe won a European Cup winners' medal and a League Championship medal. He returned to Wrexham in a £210,000 deal in 1978 and Chelsea signed him this season for £34,500.

MICKY DROY (Defender). Micky, one of the tallest players in the game, developed in the club's junior sides and earned his League debut in 1971. Since then he had made well over 250 first-team appearances for the club.

COLIN PATES (Defender). Colin developed in the junior teams at Stamford Bridge and made his League debut in 1979/80. He was ever-present last season.

CHRIS HUTCHINGS (Defender). Chris was signed from Harrow and was drafted into the side in 1980/81. He gained a regular place last season.

GARY CHIVERS (Defender). Gary, yet another of Chelsea's own discoveries, made his senior bow in 1978/79 and has been in the side for the past four years.

JOHN BUMSTEAD (Midfield). John joined the club as a youngster and worked his way up from the youth team. He has been in the first-team for four years.

COLIN LEE (Midfield). Colin began his professional career as a right-back with Bristol City. He didn't play in their first-team but he made his League debut whilst on loan to Hereford in 1974/75. It was after an £8,000 transfer to Torquay in 1976 that he switched

to attack so successfully that Tottenham invested £60,000 in his transfer in 1977. Colin hit four goals on his Second Division debut for Spurs against Bristol Rovers and Chelsea paid £200,000 to complete his transfer in 1980.

MIKE FILLERY (Midfield). Mike is another product of Chelsea's youth scheme. He made his bow in League football in 1978/79.

PHIL DRIVER (Forward). Phil didn't get into Luton's team but, after a spell with Bedford, he played League soccer for Wimbledon in 1978/79. Chelsea signed him for £20,000 two seasons ago.

DAVID SPEEDIE (Forward). David, signed from Darlington for £70,000 last summer, made a two-goal Chelsea debut against Oldham at Stamford Bridge in September. He began his career with Barnsley, moved on to Darlington in 1980 and was the Quakers' leading scorer with 18 goals last season.

CLIVE WALKER (Forward). Clive, top scorer with 17 goals last season, is a former Chelsea apprentice. He was introduced to the first-team briefly in 1976/77.

ALAN MAYES (Forward). Alan was a reserve player with Q.P.R. and moved on to Watford for a modest fee in 1974. It was following a loan spell with Northampton that he eventually won a regular place in the Watford side with a regular flow of goals. Swindon signed him for £80,000 in 1978 and in 1979/80 he scored 28 goals for the Robins. Chelsea invested £200,000 in his transfer two seasons ago. He scored 16 times last season.

PETER RHOADES-BROWN (Forward). Peter made his debut in 1979/80 and for the past two seasons had been holding a fairly regular place.

PAUL CANOVILLE (Forward). Paul is a fast and skilful player who was introduced to League soccer last season.

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CLUB NEWS

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Today's meeting will be the 82nd Football League game between Bolton and Chelsea. To date Bolton have won 31 games to Chelsea's 28.

The first games took place in season 1907-08 when both clubs won their away fixture.

This was one of eight Chelsea victories here at Burnden, their best being by 5-2 on New Year's Day 1955 in a game which saw Wanderers winger Harold Hassall end his playing career with a torn knee cap. Mal Barrass scored both Wanderers' goals.

Bolton's best victory was in March 1959 when they ran out 6-0 here at Burnden. Needless to say it was their best victory of the season the goals coming from a Freddie Hill hat trick, a Nat Lofthouse brace and Ray Parry. The crowd was 24,258.

The Wanderers and Chelsea faced each other in the first league Saturday after the War on August 31st 1946.

Danny Winter, a former Wanderer had joined the Londoners who ran out 4-3 winners before a crowd of 64,464. The goals for Bolton came from a Nat Lofthouse double and Ernie Forrest. Chelsea's from doubles by Tommy Lawton, and Dick Spence.

The same result occurred in October 1978 although in very different circumstances. The crowd was only 19,879! But the Wanderers had taken a three goal half time lead before their second half collapse.

Last season this fixture produced a 2-2 draw. Wayne Foster (his first league goal) and Tony Henry were on the mark for the Wanderers with Alan Mayes and John Bumsted getting Chelsea's goals.

This season's game at Stamford Bridge resulted in a 2-1 win for Londoners with their goals coming from a Ray Deakin own goal and Colin Pates with Tony Henry on the mark for Bolton.

In the FA Cup we have been drawn together twice with Chelsea winning both in 1920 and 1972.

In the League Cup we have also been drawn together twice with honours being even. In 1971/72 Chelsea then in the First Division won 6-0 here at Burnden with three goals from Tommy Baldwin, two from John Hollins and one from Charlie Cook. This came after a 1-1 draw in London. In season 1978/79 Bolton won 2-1 here at Burnden before an "all ticket" crowd of 10,449 due to the league's restriction of ticket sales to Chelsea supporters.

FLASHBACK

15 years ago 4th May 1968. The last league game of the season saw the Wanderers visit Plymouth Argyle. They continued their improvement in form with a 2-1 win. Freddie Hill and a Terry Wharton penalty were enough to win the points before a crowd of 5,371. Geoff Roberts made his league debut, replacing Syd Farrimond at left back.

Final position in the Second Division, 12th with a playing record of PL 42 W 13 D 13 L 16 F 60 A 63 PTS 39.

10 years ago 2nd May 1973. Burnley visited Burden Park for Warwick Rimmers testimonial game. It became an interesting game in that Burnley who had won the Second Division championship were up against the Wanderers' Third Division championship side.

The Wanderers ran out 3-1 winners after being a goal down from Geoff Nulty. John Byrom equalised before Billy Ingham put through his own goal. Substitute Neil Whatmore scored the final goal before a crowd of 13,314.

5 years ago 12th May 1978. Burnden Park played host to Peter Thompsen's testimonial before a crowd of 20,516. The Wanderers were presented with the Second

Division championship trophy and Liverpool brought along the European Cup just for good measure.

The Wanderers' opponents were a Liverpool and Everton select and the game ended in a 5-5 draw with both keepers Ray Clemence and Jim McDonagh playing the second half as forwards being replaced by George Wood and Terry Poole respectively. McDonagh in fact scored the Wanderers' equaliser in the final minutes.

RESERVE REPORT

27th April 1983 Bradford City Res. 2 Bolton Res. 1

The reserves went down to their fifth defeat in six games by 2-1 at Bradford City.

On the whole it was a good performance but they were denied time and time again by veteran City keeper Eric McManus and to rub salt in the wound a last minute goal killed the Wanderers' hopes of taking a point.

City took the lead after 8 minutes when Roberto Sacchetto was left unmarked to head a Mark Lillington right wing cross into the corner of the net.

After this setback Bolton settled down to create numerous chances.

A shot from Mike Bennett on the edge of the penalty area went inches wide and Warren Joyce was unlucky with a rasping twenty yard drive.

Joyce was denied a second time by some excellent goalkeeping by McManus who made a superb one handed save from a shot after a good run by the Wanderers' teenager through the middle of the Bradford defence.

McManus again saved Bradford in the 33rd minute when he tipped a Paul Booth header over the crossbar this coming from a Mike Bennett cross.

It was Jimmy Phillips' turn just before half time to see his left foot shot from twenty yards brilliantly saved by McManus. The keeper also managed to block a shot from Steve Saunders that fell to him from the rebound.

City almost went two up in the 49th minute when a goalbound header from John Black was cleared off the line by Paul Booth.

Wayne Foster should have pulled a goal back on the hour when he broke clear but having rounded the keeper went too far wide and the defence managed to clear their lines.

Steve Thompson equalised for the Wanderers in the 78th minute when he sent a powerful 25 yard shot screaming into the roof of the net.

The Wanderers continued to press for a winner but in the final minute were caught out when City broke away.

John Black side stepped a Warren Joyce challenge and shot home from fifteen yards.

The Wanderers almost had the last word in the dying seconds when Joyce sent in a powerful header that was on its way to goal but once again McManus flung himself to his left to win the points for Bradford.

Team: Farnworth, Berry, Phillips, Joyce, Darby, Booth, Thompson, Saunders, Foster, Redfearn, Bennett. Sub: Hodgkinson.

Junior Whites

Today's mascot is Steven Jackson who lives on Greenhill Road, Hyde. He attends Egerton Park School and enjoys playing at right back or midfield.



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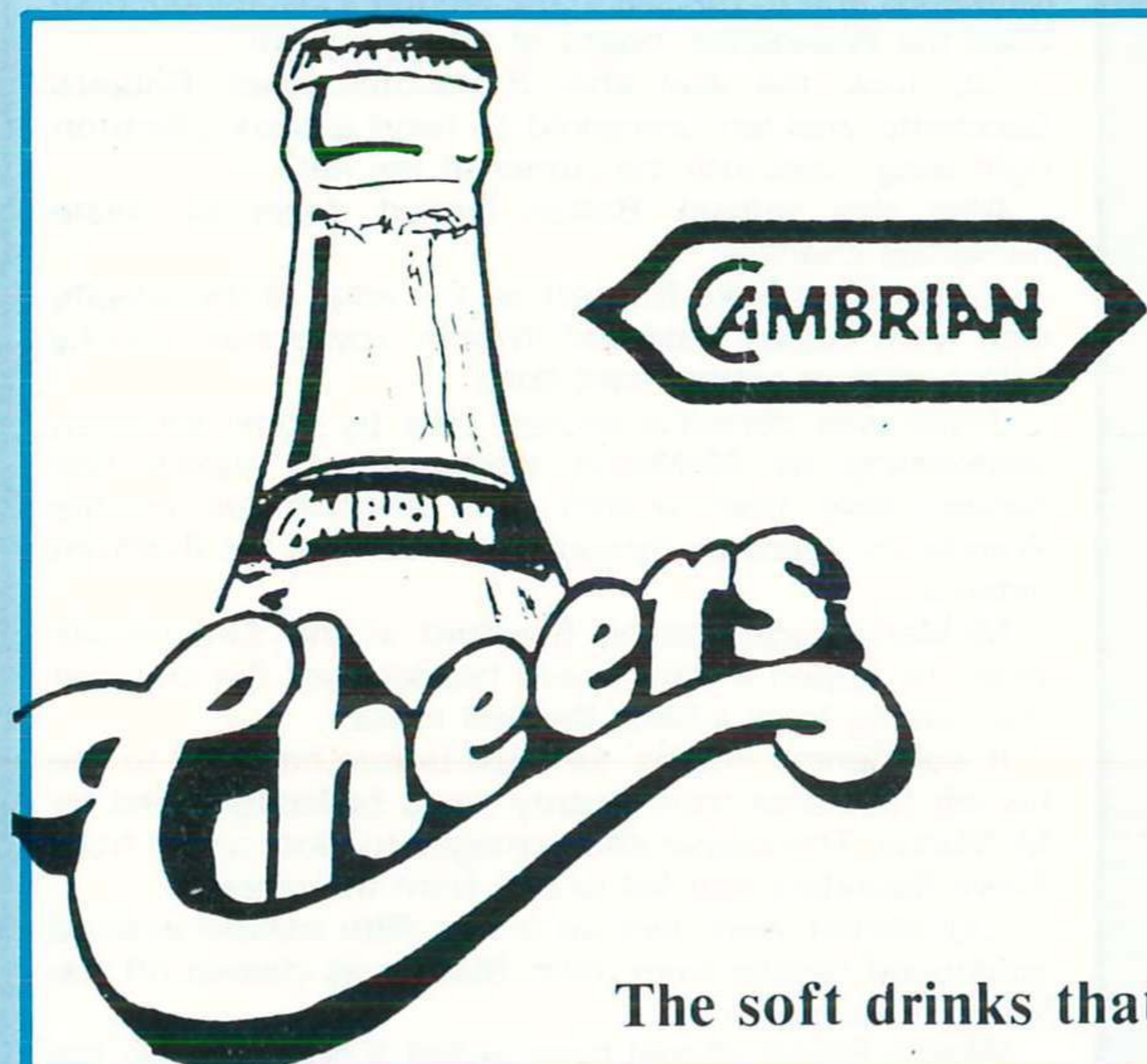
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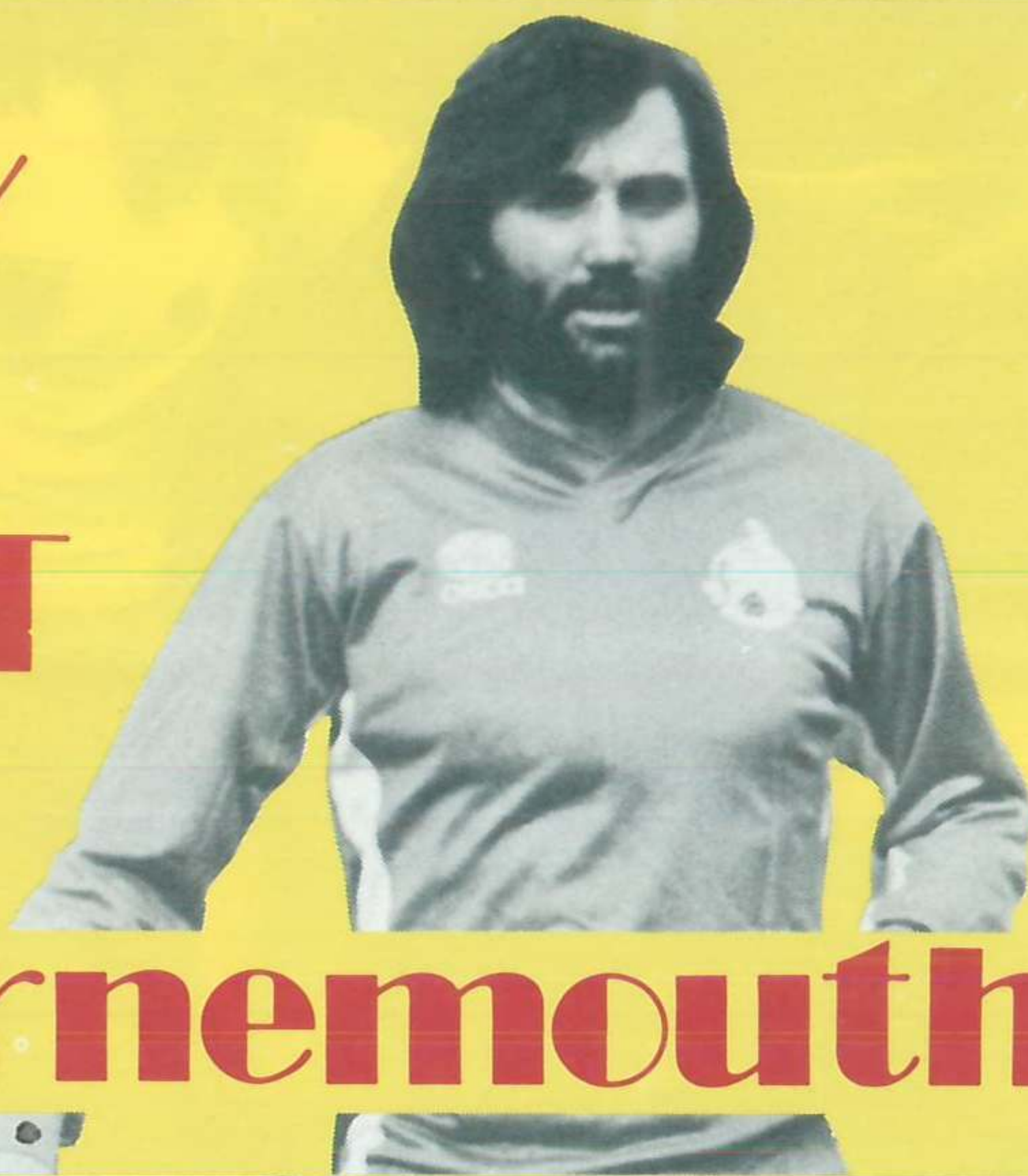
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Only the BEST for Bournemouth



By John Nolan

The slip of a lad who became a footballing legend with Manchester United and Northern Ireland is now on the threshold of a new playing career with Third Division Bournemouth.

Now a more portly 36, George Best is anxious to once more regain the acclaim of soccer's public after years in the wilderness wasted on gambling, drinking and fast cars. And Bournemouth's fresh faced new manager Don Megson, who laments the dearth of star quality in the game today, was pleased to give him the opportunity.

"We sat down and talked about the situation at Dean Court and I felt that by bringing George in the team would not be weakened and it would provide a real star name for the Bournemouth fans," explains Megson.

For George it was good to hear the cheers once more and he says: "The crowd have been tremendous towards me. We are in a position now where we are safe so we can concentrate on planning for next season which is the important thing."

The experience with Bournemouth has provided George with his first taste of Third Division football and he agrees it is different: "They tend not to play as much through the midfield and go for long balls which does not suit my game," he says. "In my first match I was used as a centre-forward but Don wants to use me more in midfield where I would hope to get more of the ball.

"They close you down much quicker at this level but you just have to adapt and cope with the difference. If you are a good enough player you should be able to do that . . . It doesn't bother me whether I'm playing First, Second, Third or Fourth Division football, I just enjoy the game.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

"But it is not only about me adapting but about the other players adapting to accommodate the way I play. Obviously because this is a lower division players sometimes tend to stand and watch rather than move into other supporting positions, but again this is something else you have to accept is going to happen on certain occasions.

"What happens if players do not move into positions is that you find yourself holding the ball too long which gives the other team time to close you down, and if you lose possession it makes you look bad."

There is of course the danger of a conflict of interests. The paying customers want to see George on the ball tantalising and teasing opponents and that might not always be in the best interests of the team.

Back to Don Megson who breezily dismisses such a suggestion: "The fans don't just want to see him, they want to see him perform well and so what I am looking for is a team performance that will win games but also allow George that little bit of freedom to do something special," he says.

As for George he remains confident that he can come up with

the goods: "It will come," he smiles from behind his bushy beard. "The more games and the more the players get to know me and I get to know them the magic will get better and better.

"The skill factor is something I will never lose and once I get a few more games under my belt the magic will come, that is what the crowd come to see.

"There are very few entertainers around now which is a shame for the game. It is still our national sport and the only way to bring back the crowds is to entertain them and that can only happen through individuals."

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Has George any thoughts as to why such players are not around anymore? "I don't know," he replies. "You can come up with all sorts of theories and try and figure out whether it is because of the coaching at schools or the coaches at the top level.

"I would tend to blame a lot of the coaches at club level because the volume of kids passing through is just as high as it always was so it must be that they are being prevented from developing naturally in their own way. So you really have to put it down to the coaches.

"And from watching kids playing at school and youth level I am horrified at some of the attitudes. I listen to them being bullied from the sidelines.

"You shouldn't do that with kids. They will learn from their own mistakes, and they learn with experience and if you scream and shout at them, all you are going to do is frighten them, and then they will stop trying things they would normally indulge in. The lads are simply put under too much pressure by parents and coaches."

George has played an important role off the field as well, helping the new management team take the Cherries to their public. "The one thing I learned from playing in America was how important it is to get involved with the community," says Belfast's golden genius. "We are trying to do that here and the kids love it when we go out and coach them."

Don Megson was shocked when he learned that Bournemouth have never been higher than the Third Division and he aims to put that right. In the meantime the presence of George Best means that Bournemouth has much more to offer than just a trip to the seaside.

By Colin Benson

As the final whistle pierced the chill night air and the crowd's frustration poured from the Wembley terraces, Bobby Robson, head bowed, hand in pocket, made the long long walk towards the England dressing room.

England had been blotted out by a dogged Greek resistance force for a 0-0 draw in the European Championship, and manager Robson's adventurous side, which he had maintained was "geared for going forward," had produced as much impact as a streaker doing a midnight run in the middle of January.

For Robson, Wembley must have seemed an empty stage as the curtain came down on yet another appalling performance. The pangs of disappointment, the wounded pride, it all seemed a little incredulous at the time.

Although Ron Greenwood had warned him that the England managers chair was a lonely place to



THE LONELINESS OF THE LONG

sit, Bobby Robson can not have expected to find himself playing the leading role in a Greek tragedy so early in his international management career.

"It is much harder than I thought it would be," confesses the man who had spent 13½ years putting a smile on the face of Ipswich Town's football. The highlight of that career had been an FA Cup Final triumph but the long lasting memory is of a football team that could match the best for quality and entertainment.

At international level though the strains are enormous as Mr. Robson reveals when he says: "We only play six or eight games in a season. At a League club you could lose those eight because you still have a chance of winning the other 34, but with England there is no second chance. If you lose or have a bad game you are left to stew for a couple of months before you play again and get it out of your system and there is very little you can do to rectify the situation in that period of time, because you have no direct contact with the players, and that is hard on

your mind."

The eloquent England boss forsake the rural tranquility of Suffolk to join the commuter trail to London Town. As the England manager he now has a plush well appointed office in the West End, but he has also had to shed his everyday working gear of track suite and boots for Saville Row suites, and that has proved a big wrench.

TIME TOGETHER

"Yes! I miss the players," he sighs. "I felt it very badly at first but now I have overcome that and adjusted to the new situation and I have enough to keep me occupied. It is a very busy job. I have taken over the coaching department as well with a view to integrating the coaching concepts of the Football Association with those of the international department and that is a full-time occupation.

"But I miss that day to day involvement of running a club right from the tip all the way down. Talking to the scouts, talking to the players, talking to the staff and

handling the directors. Talking to the press, being involved in coaching and training every day with all three teams — because I used to be very much involved with the backbone of Ipswich Town — the youth development policy and the reserves as well as the first team which was my bread and butter.

"So it was a great big job full of interest and I still do miss it to some degree, but other things have come in, other challenges."

The biggest challenge of course is that of moulding England into a world class team but under the climate of the English domestic scene, where club definitely comes before country, the antidote to England's ills is fraught with irritations.

"Basically to get results you need players and you need time with them" explains Robson. "I think one of the problems for players coming into the national side is that they are like strangers, playing with people they are not used to and that is why the preparation is so vital . . . They need seven days together, eating,

talking and training together just to get to know each other.

"The training is essential because that is when an individual can assess and appreciate the qualities of his colleagues. See what a player can handle and what he can't handle, how he wants the ball delivered and how he reads others, and that can only be achieved through match preparation over a decent long period.

"It is no good coming together on a Monday to find that seven players can't train when you have to pick the team on a Tuesday afternoon. That is no way to prepare for an international game it is very amateurish to me

BRYAN ROBSON "looking to become world class".



"We are way behind all the continentals. Here we are supposed to be one of the top footballing nations in the world and yet we are way behind Norway and even Greece in that respect.

LUCKY CO-INCIDENCE

"The Greek manager Christos Archondidis had his squad together for a full week prior to our game at Wembley. They did not risk any of their players being injured in the weekend before the game. We did! In fact most of our top players were in action in the mid-week before the game as well as on the Saturday so all our players had played three games in eight days . . . The Greeks hadn't played one! So who were bound to be the fresher? Who would have more appetite for competition?

"Fortunately we come from a

nation which has plenty of character. We do not suffer temperamental stars gladly and can rely on our players durability, their honesty, courage and determination. But we wouldn't half be better if we could add those other ingredients as well . . . Preparation, freshness and the integration of players."

The rub of the green really goes against England in the finals of the major championships which always take place in the summer. After a long hard gruelling season our players are literally drained and can not expect to compete on equal terms with their rivals.

"We have to accept that it is always going to be that much more difficult under our domestic system," suggests Mr. Robson. "But I mustn't let that upset me. I have to get on with the job in spite of it and do the best I can, at the same time hoping that I can influence the powers for a little change.

decent midfield players and we are also producing some wingers — some genuine wide players which I am pleased about.

TWO-WAY PLANNING

"Stevie Coppel of course is still good so Mark Chamberlain will have to be exceptional to oust him, but certainly he is there and potentially he is so thrilling.

"John Barnes down at Watford is another exciting player and I think Villa's Mark Walters will come through to make an impression. And keeping with the youngsters little Paul Walsh at Luton is a prospect. At the moment he appears to need to get a little bigger and firmer and more experienced but he has ability.

"So I think we have a little group of youngsters coming through who might become really good international players.

"That's what it is all about. Being able to produce international players and selections. And when I talk about selection that decides the way we play."

DISTANCE MANAGER

"You can formulate an overall strategic way of playing that you would like to implement but it always depends on the availability of players. However I have found out that there is one redeeming aspect about it all and that is that although you can easily become pessimistic over certain things, such as players becoming injured and unavailable when they shouldn't be withdrawn and should be made available to you, it does create opportunities for other players and one or two have taken those opportunities rather splendidly I think.

"I don't know whether Ron found that when he was in charge or whether I have been lucky to arrive at the same time as what appears to be a fair crop of decent prospects.

"But Bryan Robson is looking to become world class, Kenny Sansom, and Derek Statham are top rate defenders and little Sammy Lee has done tremendously well. As has Gary Mabbutt who in a sense looks a real thoroughbred. Not a great technician but a wonderful character. So we have got some

The pinnacle of international management is of course to win the World Cup, but with the competition still four years away the short term objective is next summers European Championship: "It has to be taken step by step and you have to be very clever about it," suggests Robson. "We have to merge the two interests in our planning."

But already Bobby Robson has found that he is not allowed much leeway for experiment in the atmosphere of the international game: "I have found there is an intense pressure on you to win every match," he observes.

However the new England boss can look back on his first season in charge with satisfaction despite the obstacles that have been put in his way. Scrutinised and bombarded from all angles he has handled himself well and although he cuts a lonely figure, isolated and he is in the ivory tower of Lancaster Gate, Bobby Robson knows that his is only the beginning of the long distance marathon in search of world acclaim.

MICK CHANNON- *Still football daft*

MICK CHANNON, veteran of 583 League games with Southampton and Manchester City and the holder of 46 England caps is by no means finished at the age of 34.

Released on a free transfer last summer by Lawrie McMenemy he then spent a short spell re-united with his former colleague Kevin Keegan at Newcastle before wandering into the backwoods of Third Division football with Bristol Rovers.

For Channon this was virgin territory but he had an agreement with Rovers that they would release him if the opportunity to return to the First Division arose and duly complied when struggling Norwich City needed him to cover for the injured John Deehan.

Initially Ken Brown signed the six-foot striker for a month but such an impression did he create in his opening games that his contract was soon extended to the end of this season.

The legs and the stamina might not be what they were but there is no denying the class of the man who can still turn the tightest of defences on a sixpence.

Indeed to suggest to the amiable Channon that he is in the twilight of his career only invites an indignant response: "So you say," he snaps. "I don't agree with that, I still think that I have an awful lot to offer and I want to be part of the First Division scene."

Thrown the life-line of First Division football by the Canaries Mick then found himself out of the team because he was cup-tied. "That was just one of those things," he explains. "The lads played well and I was delighted for them. I have nothing to prove it is just a case that I am available if needed and in the games I have played I feel I have done myself justice."

"I played in the reserves when I was out but I find that very hard. Perhaps I am wrong but I can't motivate myself at that level, can't lift myself as I would if I was 23 or 24 or even 28 with something to prove."

"I have never been a good trainer but I am naturally reasonably fit and of course my experience helps. I'm by no means the fastest in the world but I am quite sharp over 10-15 yards and that gets me by."

There is no denying the frustration in the

man when he is clicking the heels as thirteenth man, but with nothing to prove what is it that drives him on and makes him want to get out there amidst the flaying boots and stabbing elbows.

A broad smile fills his face: "People say to me when are you going to retire! I don't think I will ever retire. If I am in the pub at Sunday lunch time and the lads say there is a game then I'd be there. It gives me so much pleasure."

"You see my attitude to the game is the same now as it was when I first came into football. I can have a laugh and a joke and enjoy myself. Perhaps I have never taken the game as seriously as a lot of professionals do and I feel that has benefitted me because I still have a completely open mind about it..."

"I don't rant and rave if I'm not in the side. Everybody at Norwich has worked hard to try and keep them in the First Division whether Mick Channon is in the side or not. Players always have disappointments and must learn to cope with them. Probably a few years ago it might have affected me more, but then it wouldn't have happened a few years ago."

"But it is just my enthusiasm to play that motivates me. I have never been one of those that believes that footballers need to be the fittest people in the world. Obviously it helps to be fit but you still need to have that enthusiasm for the game, that undying passion, the ability to grit your teeth and pick yourself up when the going gets tough."

"Football gets past the stage where it is down to fitness. It is down to character and guts. It is being able to roll your sleeves up and have a right crack. And I don't mean by kicking people. Aggression can come out several ways. By attacking people by running at them with the ball, by being first to the ball in a challenge, by taking on and beating opponents. It is all about attitudes."

"I have always had that. On the pitch I can have a laugh with someone one moment and be really aggressive the next, it doesn't bother me. He is only trying to beat me and me him."

"That need for competition is deep inside me and that's why I say I don't think I will ever retire. If anyone says let's have a game I can't resist the challenge."

"That's where I started, on the village green

with Readers Digests stuffed inside my socks for pads. We played Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday... If I'd lost that feeling I think I would have been finished five or six years ago."

"We were just all football daft as kids, there was nothing else to do. I can even remember the first television! But I am convinced my attitude to the game is right."

"I was lucky at Southampton as we qualified for Europe regularly when I was there and that was some achievement for a small club. We were flat to the boards, never had the players or the facilities that the big city clubs enjoyed."

"We were a good little club and I see Norwich City in the early stages of a similar development."

"It just seems a pity that the game has taken a backward step just recently. Southampton have drifted back into the old trap and Lawrie McMenemy has gone on record as saying that they are losing £8,000 a week on last season."

"One of the reasons has been the obvious need to cut the wage bill... that is why he got rid of me. But then Keegan left, Bally went and the personalities that pull in the crowds were all gone. The gates dropped 6,000 and that is the difference."

"I don't put it all down to us but it is important to have characters who can form a rapport with the fans in the game. They are not just personalities. They give the people something yes but they also give the teams something as well."

"Some bread and butter players may feel that some of these extroverts take liberties, but they are basically what the game is about. Football is about characters, about artists who can express themselves. It is not about being solid here, giving nothing away and kicking the ball into touch. While that is all part and parcel of the game your great players will do it but at the right time. The great memories of the past are of Matthews, Finney, Charlton, Law and Best. We will never forget them."

The lack of individualists in the modern game is perhaps one reason why the likes of Mick Channon can still hold the stage they have graces for so long.

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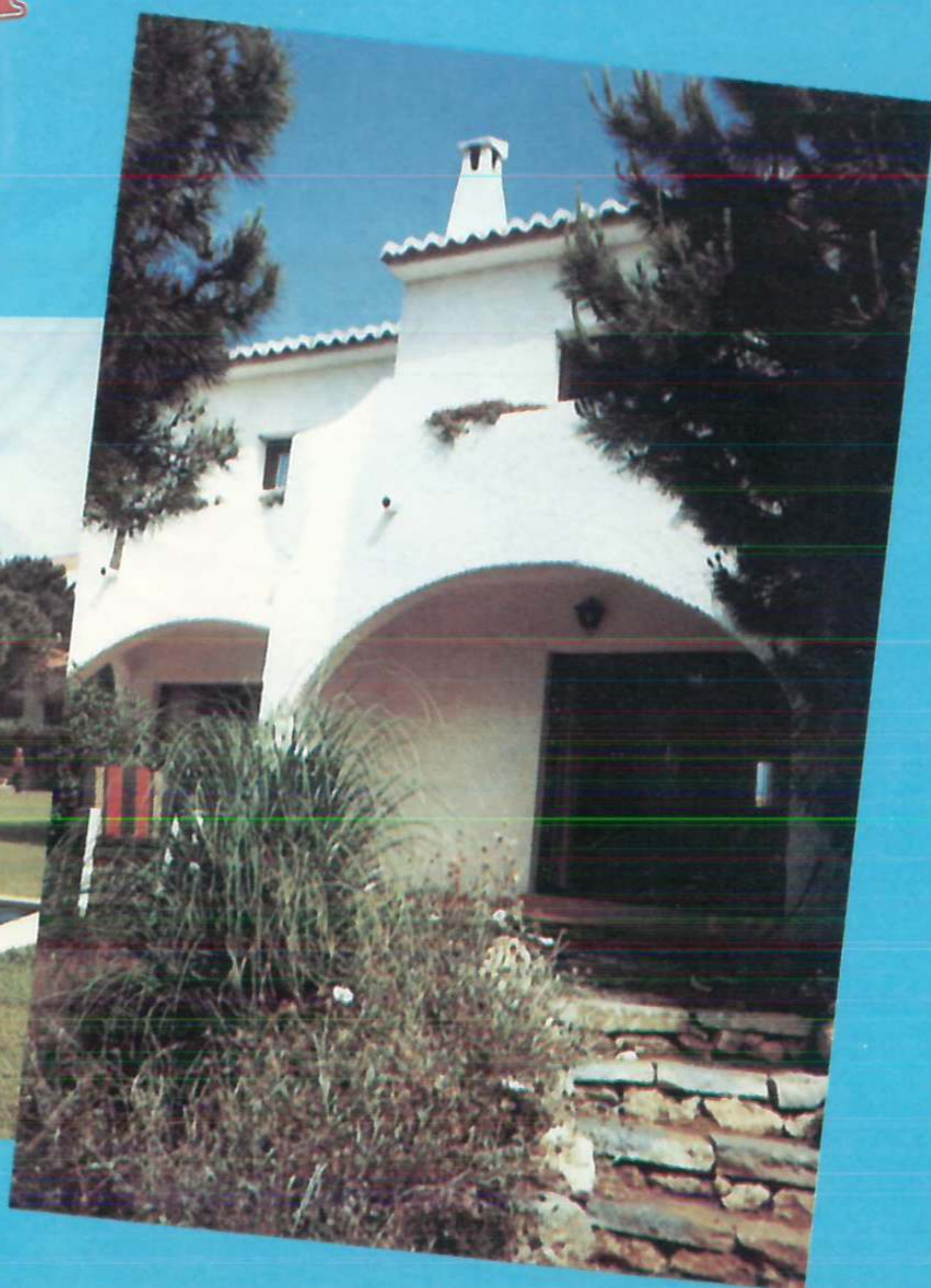
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A small balding, bubbly figure, who once scored a hat-trick on his F.A. Cup debut, has a yen to put a tiger into English football.

The man in question is none other than Trevor 'Tosh' Chamberlain who was a professional player with Fulham from 1948 to 1966 and the hat-trick referred to was in a fourth round tie at Craven Cottage, which Fulham lost 4-5 to Newcastle United in January 1956.

Now 49, 'Tosh' is a little more portly than when he graced the white number eleven shirt of Fulham, but the old unquestionable enthusiasm still cascades forth as he pursues his current job as Area Sales Manager for the Asics Corporation.

They are Japanese, and second only to the Nissan group in annual turnover. As manufacturers of sportswear trading under the brand name of Tiger they now enjoy a big share of the North American market that they even sponsored the European Athletics Championships in Greece last year.

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Already many top name stars such as England men Alan Devonshire and Phil Parkes at West Ham United, Chris Woods and Steve Walford at Norwich City and Mike Hazard, Ricky Villa and John Lacy at Tottenham Hotspur are wearing the



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The former Fulham favourite who claims he is "the only man that silenced the kop" when he scored from the half-way line at Anfield, is now hoping to make as big an impact with his new boots... Who knows, perhaps one day the English lion could have tiger feet!



BENNO AT LARGE

There has been much rhetoric about the Chester Report which maps out the route football should take if it is to survive as an industry. The Football League Management Committee have called a meeting of Club Chairmen to discuss Sir Norman Chester's report and this takes place on May 5.

To avoid any misunderstandings the Management Committee have issued their official views on the major recommendations which are as follows:

The reduction at the end of the 1983-84 season of the First Division to 20 clubs and the increase of the Second Division to 24 would be supported by the Management Committee in the interests of international success.

The suggestion that clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions should comprise two geographical sections playing four series of matches during a season with play-offs to decide promotion etc is opposed by the Management Committee.

Sir Norman Chester's recommendation that the League comprises a First Division of 20 clubs and two other Divisions of 22 clubs with the 28 excluded clubs being joined by selected clubs from the Alliance Premier League to form an "Intermediate" League is felt by the Management Committee to be the germ of an idea for the basis of a strong solid League of the future, but of course the Committee would need to consider the detailed format with great care.

The suggestion that First and Second Division clubs which enter the Milk Cup in the Second Round should be seeded in the draw is opposed by the Management Committee who are in favour of the Second Round consisting of one match instead of the present two legs.

The suggestion that in League matches home clubs should keep the entire gate monies instead of continuing to make a payment to visiting clubs is supported by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee also agrees that there should be a fairer distribution of fees received in respect of televised matches for those clubs whose games are covered.

The suggestion that gate receipts from Milk Cup ties should be divided equally between the two clubs has the support of the Management Committee, following a period of phasing.

The Management Committee are also in favour of forming a working party of people experienced in football finance to draw up a standard form of club accounts which would have to be submitted to the League each year and to propose criteria or financial targets which could be incorporated into the League's

regulations and to which clubs would have to conform. This would help financial management within the League and will maintain confidence in the organisation.

The Management Committee supports in principle the suggestion that the time allowed for the payment of transfer fees be reduced from 12 months to three months with League acting as a clearing house for the payment of fees, but points out that there is still experience to be gained from the present regulation which has been in force only since last year's annual general meeting.

Finally, the Management Committee supports the recommendation that the constitution be amended to reduce the three-quarters majority necessary to approve changes in the Regulations, though the Management Committee feel that a majority of two-thirds might be more acceptable to clubs rather than the three-fifths suggested by the Chester Committee.

AN IDEAL SOCCER MERGER

The greater involvement of League clubs with their local communities, an ideal which The Football League has always actively encouraged, has been taken a giant step forward by an agreement which Second Division Fulham have concluded with the Greater London Council.

In return for the G.L.C. meeting the cost of installing Fulham's new £140,000 Cellsystem pitch, which is to be laid during the summer, the Craven Cottage Club are making available to the G.L.C. the facilities of their ground for a total of 3,000 hours during the next six years.

"Yes", says Fulham Manager Malcolm Macdonald, who is also a Director of the club, "the concept is revolutionary. But doesn't it make an awful lot of sense? We need the new pitch and the G.L.C. believe that proper sports facilities and social amenities should be available to youngsters and adults. An ordinary pitch would be no good because the demands of the professional players would restrict its use. But Cellsystem, which is natural grass with the added advantage of being "weather-proof", makes it an entirely different ball-game".

Peter Pitt, a member of the G.L.C. and Vice-Chairman of the Arts and Recreation Committee, says: "We recognise the need to increase these kind of facilities in London either by building them new or improving on existing first-rate facilities. Fulham have a most commendable attitude regarding their responsibilities to the local community and we have all gone about it in a most business-like way.

"We have done a commercial costing on the basis that the value of the services provided by the club can be rated at between £40.00 and £50.00 per hour and we believe that Fulham are giving us and the ratepayers more than value for money".

"The G.L.C. believes that sport is just as entitled as opera, ballet and theatre to support from the public purse".

Malcolm Macdonald adds: "During the playing season, the community use of the Cottage will amount to four training and coaching evenings each week plus local clubs' prestige matches. The community use can be stepped up during the summer months to more than 200 hours which will make an annual minimum of over 500 hours".

"We at Fulham see ourselves as innovators. The first step with future supporters is to bring them to the Cottage as youngsters. If they've enjoyed their childhood at the Cottage they will continue coming as teenagers and adults.

"I see this as an excellent example of how a football club and the local population can get together for the mutual benefit".

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Dick Pym – A life story

The whole of his young life was spent out at sea as a fisherman, he went on to make goalkeeping look deceptively easy through his sense of anticipation, his calm unruffled nature when put under extreme pressure. Richard Henry Pym – Dick to his friends – was born on 2nd, February, 1893 at Topsham in Devon, and became one of the most celebrated goalkeepers of the 1920's.

He began playing football for Topsham St. Margarets, but was taken away from his fishing and local working life when he joined his first professional club in Exeter City during the mid 1911-12 season. It was with Exeter City that he had the distinction of figuring among some of the early British players to have played football in South America, but although a great distinction at the time, it also proved an embarrassing one.

The Exeter City tour to Uruguay and the Argentine of 1914 began on a sour and embarrassing note for Dickie Pym, the party sailed on the S.S. Andes, and despite his early years at sea as a fisherman and being a noted sailor, Dick was the first of the Exeter players to go down with Sea-sickness.

He was transferred to Bolton Wanderers in June 1921 for a fee of £4,000, then a record fee for a goalkeeper, but he never earned much during his playing career, even at the very peak of his career Dick didn't earn more than £8 per week whilst with Wanderers, and he received just a two pounds bonus for winning and a pound for a draw. Wanderers' crowds were then averaging around 30,000, with spectators paying a shilling a head.

Dick holds the record of having played in three Wembley F.A. Cup Finals without having conceded a goal, his first final experience was the famous 'White Horse Final' of 1923, the first ever Wembley final when Wanderers beat West Ham United 2-0 in the presence of his majesty King George V. The crowd, which was estimated at 126,000 people, spilled onto the pitch and the players had to assist police, including PC Scorey and his White Charger Billy, get the spectators over the lines to allow play to begin, the game began 40 minutes late and Dick's netting was torn to shreds. After a quick patch-up though, the spectators settled down and the game got under way and went down as the most famous final in history. Some fine saves helped Wanderers take the cup and give Dick Pym his first honour at club level.

Dick was a competent and agile goalkeeper and his fine performances for Bolton brought him recognition from the England International Selectors when he was chosen to play for his country against Wales and Scotland in 1925 and again in 1926 when he turned out in his country's colours against Wales.

Against Scotland at Hampden Park on April 4th 1925, Scotland beat England 2-0 through goals scored by Hughie Gallacher who was making his full International debut for his country. Dick had no chance with either goals and he was highly commended for his 'intelligent ability' in goal despite poor defensive play by his backs, and the high quality in which Gallacher took the goals. Dick was paid a total of £18 for turning out in those three International matches.

1926 saw Dick come away with his second F.A. Cup winners' medal when Wanderers returned to Wembley to meet Manchester City in an all-Lancashire affair. Wanderers won 1-0 through a goal by David Jack. Although he took part in the most famous final of all time in 1923, Dick always remembered his third and last F.A. Cup final against Portsmouth in 1929 as the most dramatic. He very nearly didn't make the game!, he received a bad groin injury in Wanderers' 3-1 semi-final victory over Huddersfield Town and this threatened to keep him out of the final. But his colleagues took a deputation to the Wanderers' manager insisting that Dick play, the manager agreed.

The Wanderers' trainer strapped up the injured leg and along with extra long 'bags' (shorts today!) so that the Pompey players wouldn't know of his groin injury. Dick turned out to help The Wanderers triumph by 2-0 to take the coveted trophy for the third time in six years.

In all those three finals Wanderers called upon only seventeen players. Dick was 37 years of age when he played in his last final.

Dick left Lancashire in May 1936 when he signed for Southern

League club Yeovil Town. He stayed with the Somerset club just the one year until he retired from playing to return home to his native Devon in August 1937 to become assistant trainer of his first club Exeter City. He now lives in Topsham where salmon fishing on the river Exe means dealing with nets of a quite different kind to those of his playing days.

RAYMOND C. MAULE

Our peep into the past this week brings an end to the season with a flashback to one of the characters who was around in the very early days.

Speak to Dick Pym, the sole survivor of the 1923 Wanderers' side which won that historic Wembley Cup Final and you get the distinct impression that The Trotters were fated to win the first F.A. Cup Final in the shadows of the famous twin towers.

They had their sights on the Empire Stadium all along as Dick points out:

"Whenever we were travelling on the train to and from London games that season we would pass Wembley as it was being built. As we passed we always gave the place a wave and the chorus was 'We'll see you in May'."

And that they did, reaching Wembley and beating West Ham 2-0 in the famous "White Horse Final" which had the famous stadium brimming over with some 200,000 or more spectators.

In fact they all but made the trophy their own in the twenties, going on to win in 1926 and 1929.

Dick Pym played in all three finals and now, at the grand old age of 90, he can still cherish the memories.

Speaking from his native Devon, Dick marked the 60th anniversary of the 1923 success by recapturing the thrilling moments.

"I remember everything about the match," he says.

"In a lot of ways I wasn't nervous although when we got on to the pitch all we could see were the tops of the goalposts above the crowd.

"The police asked us to help clear the pitch and I remember vividly going round asking the crowd to move back so we could start the game.

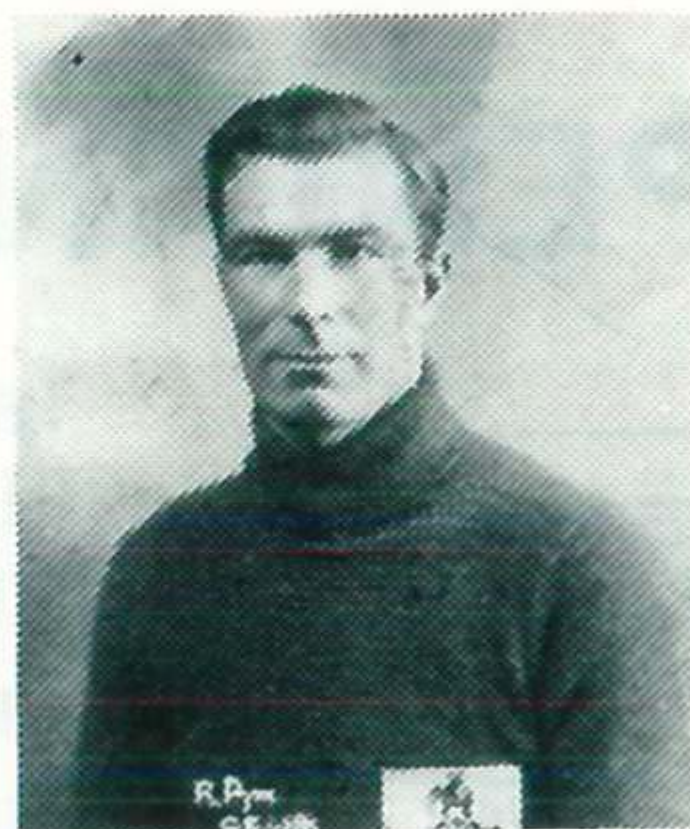
"When we eventually started the crowd were packed around the back of my goal and surprisingly a lot of them didn't even know it was a Cup Final.

"They thought it was a friendly to mark the completion of the stadium. Most of them were West Ham supporters but they were well behaved. They could have stopped the match any time they wanted but when we won they cheered us as much as their own team.

"Can you imagine that happening today?"

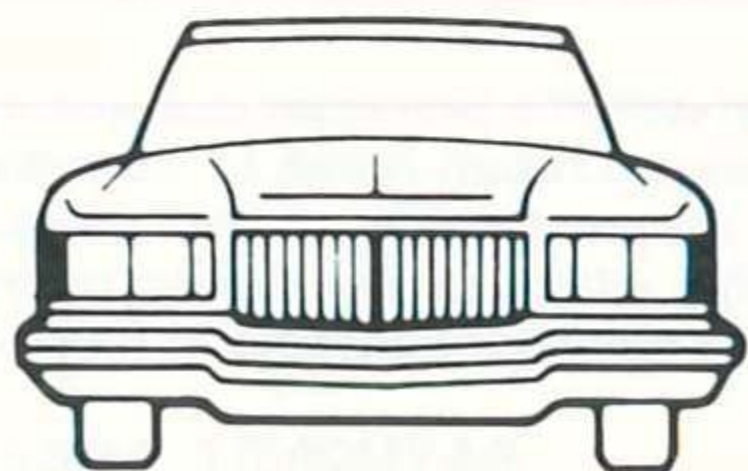
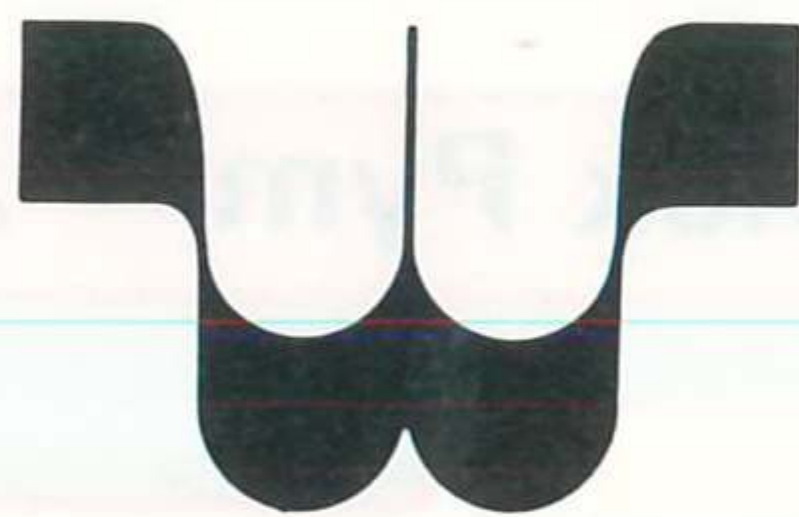
The grand old man of Wanderers' history still has a special affection for the town and follows the club's fortunes closely.

Forgetting the past for the moment he sent his best wishes to Burnden Park with the message: "Stay in Division Two. Good Luck."



Our pictures (courtesy of the Bolton Evening News) show Dick Pym in his playing days and, more recently, back home in his native Devon among the fishing nets, savouring the relaxing life he loves.

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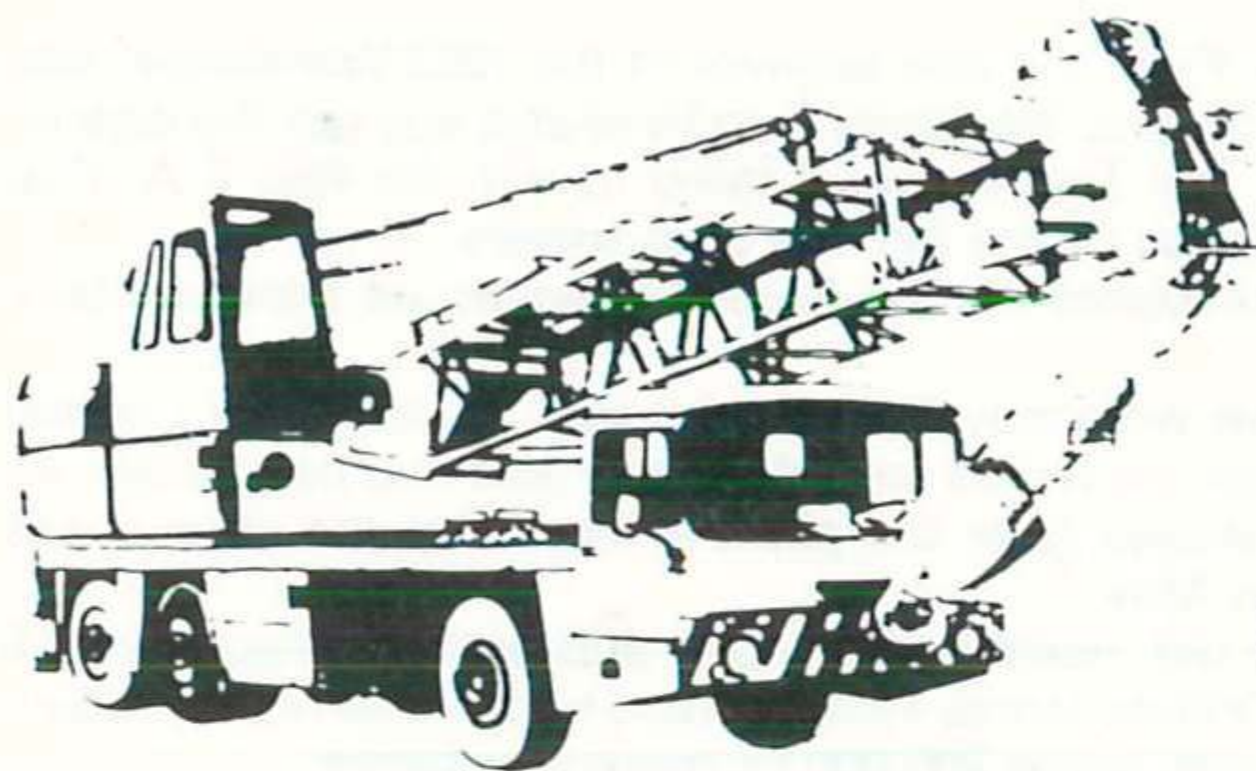
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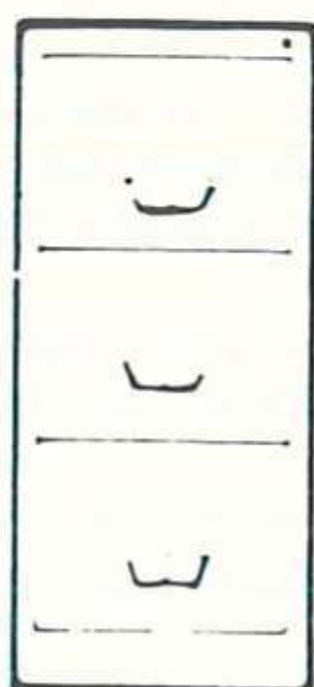
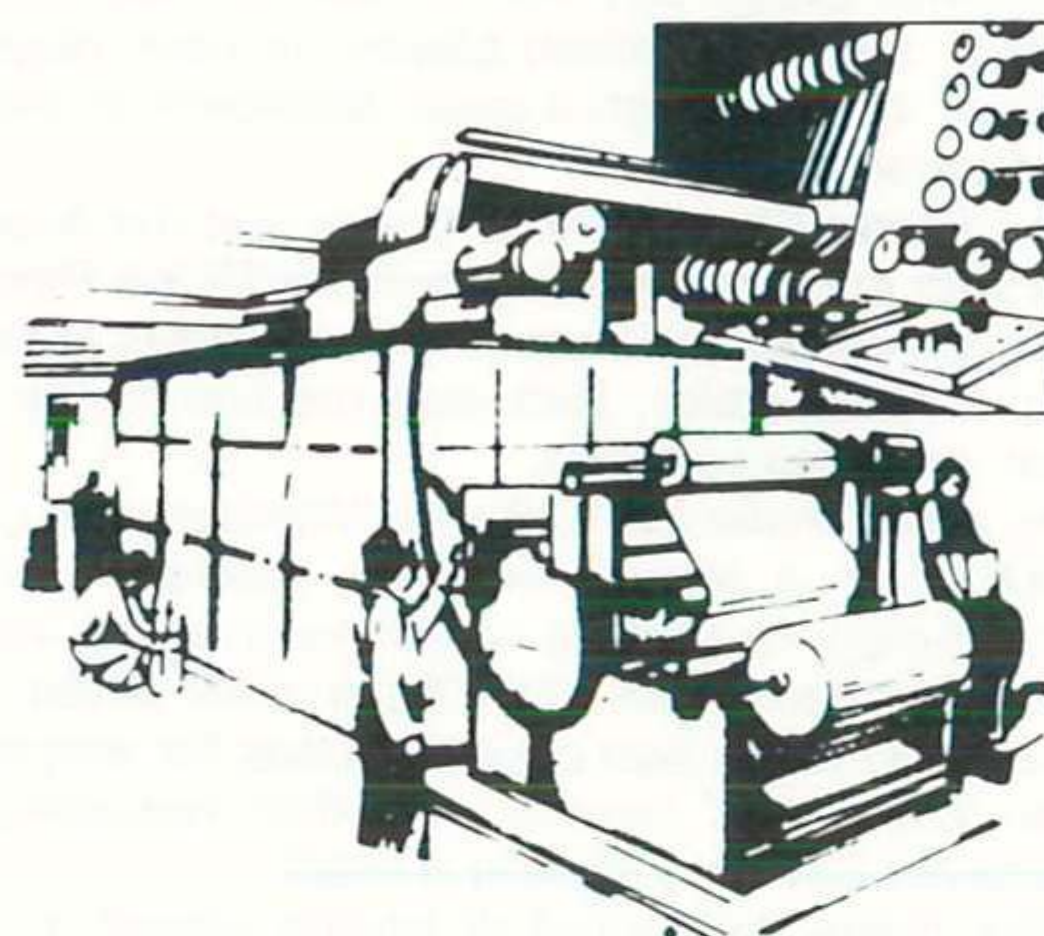
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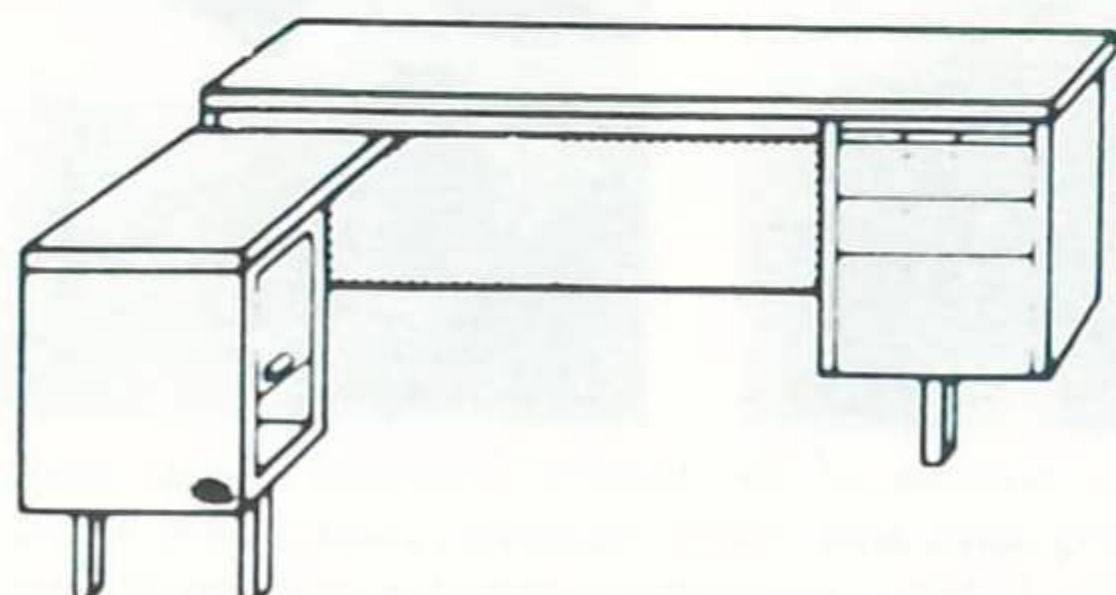
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Grimsby scramble ball clear from Ray Deakin shot.

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Sept	31	Carlisle United (MC.1)	4,314	3-3	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry	Moore(1)	Reid	Hoggan	Berry
	4	Newcastle United	17,738	3-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moore	Reid(1)	Hoggan	Berry
	7	Sheffield Wednesday	17,307	1-3	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(1)	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Berry
Oct	11	Fulham	5,688	0-4	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid	Berry	Hoggan
	14	Carlisle United (MC.2)	4,039	4-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moore(1)	Reid	Berry	Berry
	18	Wolverhampton W.	9,264	0-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid	Berry	Rudge
Oct	25	Grimsby Town	7,583	0-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid	Rudge	Deakin
	28	Oldham Athletic	5,605	2-3	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry(1)	Moore(1)	Reid	Rudge	Hoggan
	2	Crystal Palace	5,804	1-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
Oct	5	Watford	5,664	1-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	9	Rotherham United	6,577	2-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	16	Middlesbrough	5,529	0-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid	Hoggan	Foster
Nov	23	Barnsley	7,339	0-2	McDonagh	Bennett	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Foster
	26	Watford (MC.3)	11,520	1-2	McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Thompson
	30	Queens Park Rangers	9,363	0-1	McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Foster	Rudge	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Thompson
Dec	6	Shrewsbury Town	4,879	1-4	McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Foster	Rudge	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Deakin
	13	Derby County	10,999	0-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Foster	Rudge	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Chandler
	20	Blackburn R.	7,428	1-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Bennett
Dec	27	Leicester City	5,060	3-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Hoggan
	4	Cambridge United	2,622	0-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Deakin	Chandler	Henry	Foster(1)	Reid	Hoggan	Hoggan
	11	Charlton Athletic	5,645	4-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Deakin	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
Jan	18	Chelsea	6,903	1-2	McDonagh	Berry	Deakin	Henry(1)	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	27	Carlisle United	8,171	1-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	28	Leeds United	16,180	1-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
Jan	1	Blackburn Rovers	11,481	1-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry(1)	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	3	Newcastle United	23,533	2-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Deakin	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	8	Arsenal FA Cup 3	22,576	1-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
Feb	15	Burnley	8,894	3-0	McDonagh(1)	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry(1)	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Rudge
	22	Oldham Athletic	8,510	3-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	5	Fulham	6,748	0-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
Feb	19	Rotherham United	5,646	1-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Redfearn	Jones	Deakin	Chandler	Henry	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Saunders
	22	Crystal Palace	4,456	0-3	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Hoggan	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Rudge
	26	Middlesbrough	5,598	3-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Redfearn	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Bennett
Mar	5	Barnsley	10,403	1-3	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Redfearn	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Moore
	12	Queens Park Rangers	6,373	3-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Redfearn	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Thompson S
	19	Shrewsbury Town	4,163	0-1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Redfearn	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Berry
April	26	Derby County	7,041	0-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Berry	Redfearn	Berry	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Borrows
	2	Leeds United	10,784	1-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Borrows	Redfearn	Berry	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Foster
	5	Carlisle United	5,615	0-5	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Redfearn	Berry	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Hoggan	Joyce
April	9	Sheffield Wednesday	6,408	0-2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Redfearn	McElhinney	Doyle	Borrows	Foster	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Joyce
	16	Wolverhampton W.	12,723	0-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Gray	McElhinney	Doyle	Borrows	Rudge	Moore	Joyce	Hoggan	Berry
	23	Cambridge United	4,636	2-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Gray	McElhinney	Doyle	Chandler	Rudge	Moore	Hoggan(2)	Borrows	Joyce
May	30	Leicester City	13,959	0-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Gray	McElhinney	Doyle	Joyce	Rudge	Moore	Hoggan	Borrows	Foster
	2	Grimsby Town	5,866	0-0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Gray	McElhinney	Doyle	Joyce	Rudge	Moore	Hoggan	Borrows	Foster
	7	Chelsea														
May	14	Charlton Athletic														
21	FA Cup Final															

● Player substituted



LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Wednesday 4th May 1983)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	L	F	A	Pts	F	A
Q.P.R.	39	15	3	2	49	15	10	3	6	24	17	81
Wolves	40	14	4	2	40	14	6	10	4	25	26	74
Leicester City	40	11	3	6	36	15	8	6	6	34	28	66
Fulham	40	12	5	3	34	20	7	4	9	28	26	66
Newcastle United	40	12	6	2	41	20	5	6	9	30	30	63
Sheffield Wed.	40	8	8	4	31	22	7	7	6	26	22	60
Oldham Athletic	40	8	10	2	37	22	5	9	6	22	22	58
Leeds United	40	7	10	3	26	20	6	9	5	23	24	58
Shrewsbury Town	40	8	8	4	20	15	7	5	8	28	32	58
Barnsley	40	9	7	4	37	28	5	6	9	19	26	55
Blackburn Rovers	40	10	7	3	37	21	4	5	11	19	34	54
Cambridge United	40	11	7	2	25	13	1	5	14	15	43	48
Carlisle United	40	10	5	5	43	27	2	6	12	24	40	47
Derby County	40	6	10	4	26	24	3	9	8	21	30	46
Grimsby Town	40	9	6	5	31	25	3	3	14	12	43	45
Bolton Wanderers	40	10	2	8	30	25	1	9	10	11	31	44
Middlesbrough	39	7	7	5	25	28	3	7	10	19	38	44
Charlton Athletic	40	10	3	7	36	30	2	5	13	23	55	44
Chelsea	40	8	7	5	31	22	2	6	12	19	39	43
Crystal Palace	38	9	7	3	26	16	1	5	13	11	31	42
Rotherham United	40	5	7	8	19	28	4	7	9	21	21	37
Burnley	38	9	3	7	35	22	2	3	14	18	41	39

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Goals
1982		FA
Sep	22 Preston N.E.	5-3
	29 Burnley	0-0
Oct	13 Nottingham Forest	0-3
	20 Chesterfield	4-1
Nov	2 Derby County	3-2
	8 Rotherham United	2-1
	16 Oldham Athletic	3-1
	24 Notts County	5-1
	30 Wigan	--P
Dec	8 Sunderland	1-1
	14 Manchester City	3-1
	20 Bradford City	3-2
1983		
Jan	6 Chesterfield	1-5
	12 Derby County	2-0
	19 Port Vale	2-3
	26 Barnsley	1-0
Feb	2 Middlesbrough	2-1
	9 Preston N.E.	1-0
	15 Rotherham United	6-0
	23 Nottingham Forest	2-4
Mar	1 Burnley	1-0
	9 Port Vale	6-2
	16 Barnsley	2-1
	22 Middlesbrough	0-3
	30 Notts County	2-3
Apr	6 Oldham Athletic	6-0
	13 Sunderland	0-4
	20 Wigan	1-3
	26 Bradford City	1-2
May	4 Manchester City	

2ND DIVISION FACTS & FIGURES

(Up to and including 23rd April)

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
Barnsley	23,275 v Sheffield W.	12,702	Glavin 16
Blackburn R.	14,421 v Newcastle	7,523	Garner 20
Bolton W.	17,707 v Newcastle	7,580	Henry 9
Burnley	20,283 v Blackburn	9,238	Hamilton 13
Cambridge U.	8,124 v Chelsea	4,382	Reilly 10
Carlisle U.	16,276 v Newcastle	6,031	Shoulder 21
Charlton A.	13,306 v Q.P.R.	7,224	Hales, White 11
Chelsea	29,797 v Fulham	12,712	Fillery 9
Crystal P.	17,996 v Charlton	9,245	Mabbutt 8
Derby C.	19,779 v Newcastle	13,201	Swindlehurst 8
Fulham	24,251 v Leicester	10,876	Davies 18
Grimsby T.	16,137 v Leeds	7,820	Drinkell 16
Leeds U.	26,570 v Newcastle	16,168	Butterworth 10
Leicester C.	17,341 v Sheffield W.	11,341	Lineker 26
Middlesbrough	25,184 v Newcastle	10,018	Shearer 9
Newcastle U.	36,185 v Q.P.R.	24,167	Keegan 19
Oldham	15,658 v Leeds	6,877	Wylde 18
Q.P.R.	23,744 v Chelsea	11,824	Sealy, Gregory 14
Rotherham	13,791 v Barnsley	8,439	McBride 9
Sheffield W.	29,050 v Leeds	17,414	Bannister 17
Shrewsbury	13,336 v Wolves	5,326	Brown 9
Wolves	22,567 v Leeds	15,494	Eves 17



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A1 (follow 'A1 City' signs) to A406 North Circular Road

A406 (North Circular) left to Woodford junction A104 and right with A104/A114/A116 to East Ham junction A124 (Barking Road)

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A206 (keep left leaving tunnel) to Charlton

Charlton Athletic's ground (The Valley) is in Floyd Road, 3rd on your right along the A206 after turning left from Tunnel Avenue at the Fire Station.



Ian Moores is in the thick of things challenging Grimsby's Mike Saxby in an aerial attack in Monday's game.

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It's that man Batch again, clearing the danger under pressure from Ian Moores and David Hoggan.

Puzzle Page??

CLUB CLUE No. 23

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club.

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Answer to No. 22 *DYNAMO (Bucharest)*

MIXED DOUBLES No. 23

Re-order the letters in each of the words

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to find the names of

TWO MEN CALLED "MARTIN".

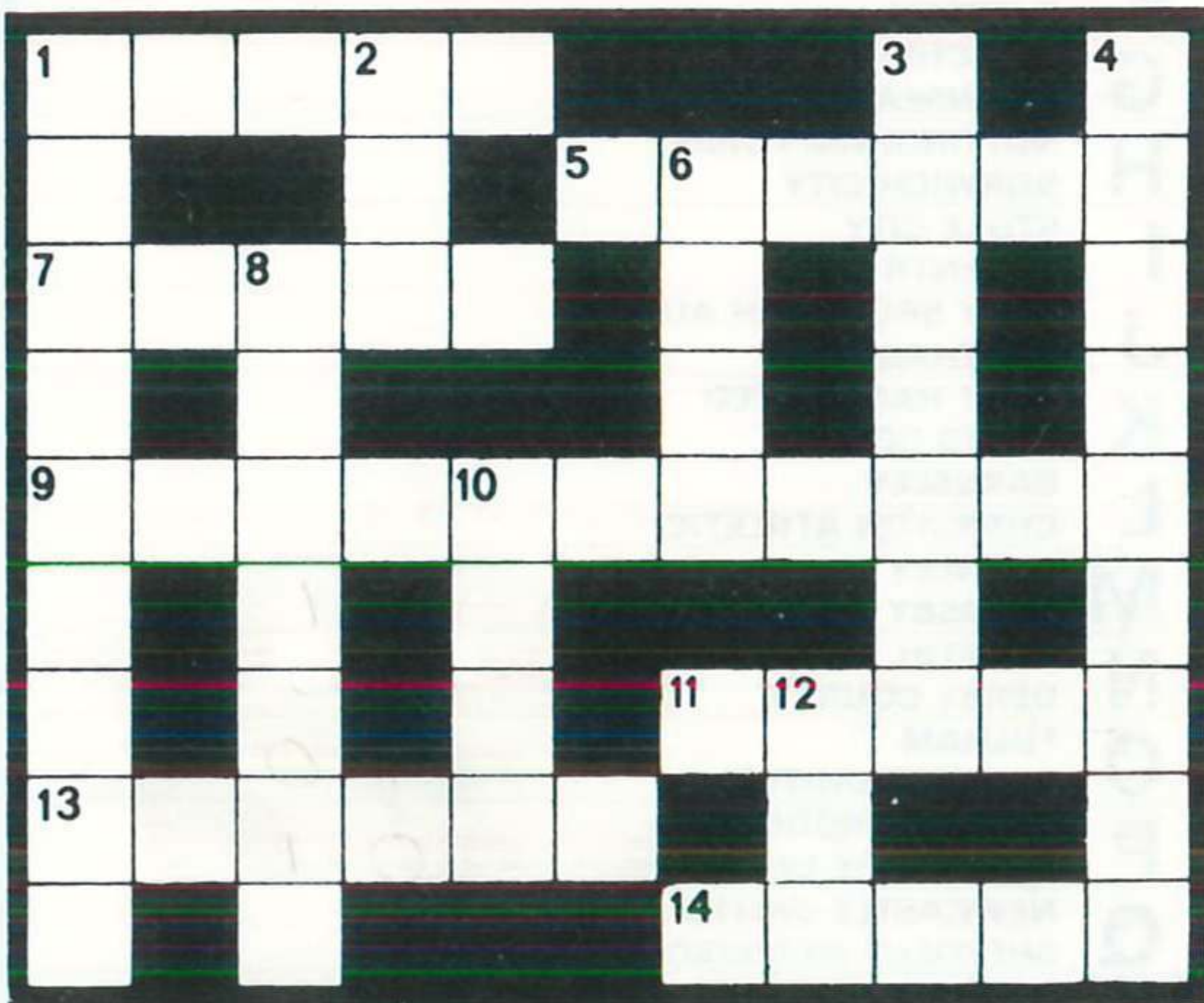
Answers to No. 22 *Nattress, Evans*

QUIZ

1. Who has made the most Football League appearances?
2. What did keeper Jack Kelsey use to improve his grip?
3. Which Scottish club appeared in two successive *English* FA Cup finals?
4. What has been the most common outcome of Manchester derbies — City win, United win or draw?
5. Which (now defunct) NASL club did Johan Cruyff and Wim Suurbier play for?

Answers to quiz in last programme: 1. Never, 2. Walter and Arthur, 3. Wigan Athletic, 4. Blackburn Rovers, 5. Ajax (1971-73).

Crossword



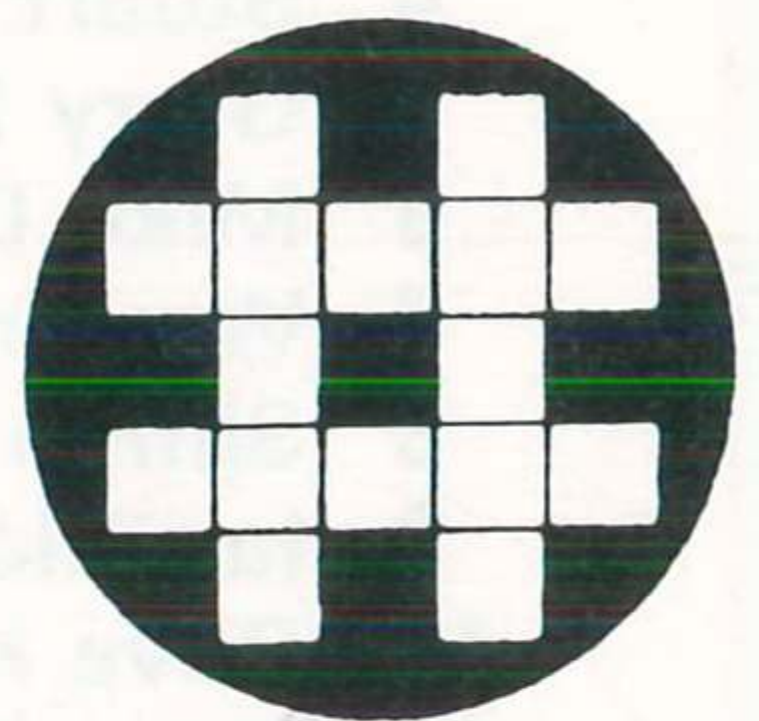
ON THE BALL No. 23

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Father Ronnie, son Russell
— — — Park, home of
Kilmarnock

Autograph book
Neighbours' match

Answers to *On The Ball* No.
22: Chris, Cooke, Shoot,
Dicks



Across

1. One of Cambridge United's colours (5)
5. Defender who has spent the last ten years at Derby where . . . (6)
7. . . . his father (whose first name is required here) had played through the 1950s (5)
9. Defender who ran up around 200 appearances for Bristol City in the 1970s; after a brief spell with Coventry he went to the USA (4,7)
11. Local lad who ended a long career with Manchester City when he went to Preston North End last season (5)
13. Writer-sounding Willie was with Rangers, Newcastle, Swindon and Walsall (6)
14. A first-time outing (5)

Down

1. A star's — — — is often sought (9)
2. Reading's Park (3)
3. — — — Cubillas, Peru ace seen in the 1970, 1978 and 1982 World Cups (7)
4. Where Len Walker established the club appearances record and eventually (in 1981) returned as manager (9)
6. Where the 1883 FA Cup final was played (4)
8. Manchester United winger who survived the Munich tragedy and went on to serve Swansea and Newport (7)
10. Sofia club seen in action in this season's and the two previous seasons' European Cup tournaments (1,1,1,1)
12. Between his long runs with Millwall and Manchester United, Alex Stepney made this many League turn-outs for Chelsea (3)

Solution to crossword in last programme. Across: 1. Roger, 5. Napier, 7. Eric, 8. Hoadley, 10. climbed, 12. goal, 13. Schulz (West Germany), 14. Dodds. Down: 1. re-elects, 2. Griffiths, 3. Gama, 4. Aizlewood, 6. Reynolds, 9. one, 11. Bill.

SOLUTIONS

MIXED DOUBLES No. 23: O'Neill, Peters

CLUB CLUE No. 23: Mona-co

QUIZ: 1. Terry Paine (824), 2. Chewing gum, 3. Queen's Park (1884-85), 4. United win (just!), 5. Los

ON THE BALL No. 23: Allen, Rugby, Album, Derby.
Angles Aztecs.

CROSSWORD: Across 1. amber, 5. Powell, 7. Tommy, 9. Gary Collier, 11. Booth, 13. Penman, 14. debut. Down 1. autograph, 2. Elm, 3. Teofilo, 4. Aldershot, 6. Oval, 8. Morgans, 10. CSKA, 12. one.

TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Ray Deakin
- 4 Stuart Gray
- 5 Gerry McElhinney
- 6 Mike Doyle
- 7 Warren Joyce
- 8 Simon Rudge
- 9 Ian Moores
- 10 Dave Hoggan
- 11 Brian Borrows
- 12

CHELSEA

- 1 Steve Francis
- 2 Joey Jones
- 3 Chris Hutchings
- 4 Gary Chivers
- 5 Mick Droy
- 6 Colin Pates
- 7 Mike Fillery
- 8 John Bumstead
- 9 Colin Lee
- 10 Alan Mayes
- 11 Clive Walker
- 12 Paul Canoville



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Commenced refereeing in 1966 in Walsall Junior and Youth Leagues, then via the Staffs. County League and the Central League to the Football League.

He works as a chartered Secretary for a building society and his interests include tennis, golf and squash. He is also a member of the Round Table.



Linesmen: J. A. HOPE (Runcorn) Red Flag
J. A. LEWIS (Wrexham) Yellow Flag

Scoreboard

A	ARSENAL SUNDERLAND
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
C	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION MANCHESTER CITY
D	IPSWICH TOWN WATFORD
E	LIVERPOOL ASTON VILLA
F	LUTON TOWN EVERTON
G	MANCHESTER UNITED SWANSEA CITY
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST NORWICH CITY
I	STOKE CITY COVENTRY CITY
J	WEST BROMWICH ALBION SOUTHAMPTON
K	WEST HAM UNITED NOTTS COUNTY
L	BARNLEY CHARLTON ATHLETIC
M	BURNLEY GRIMSBY TOWN
N	CRYSTAL PALACE DERBY COUNTY
O	FULHAM CARLISLE UNITED
P	MIDDLESBROUGH CAMBRIDGE UNITED
Q	NEWCASTLE UNITED SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
R	OLDHAM ATHLETIC LEICESTER CITY
S	QUEENS PARK RANGERS WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
T	ROTHERHAM UNITED BLACKBURN ROVERS
U	SHREWSBURY TOWN LEEDS UNITED
V	AFC BOURNEMOUTH WIGAN ATHLETIC
W	HARTLEPOOL UNITED ROCHDALE
X	TRANMERE ROVERS BURY